

REMARKS

Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended the claims to more particularly define the claimed occurrence description scheme. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments because they are supported, *intra alia*, in paragraph 15 on pages 7-8 of Applicant's specification as originally filed.

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-7 and 11-17

Claims 1-7 and 11-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sezan, et al. U.S. Publication 2005/0091685 (previously cited).

In amended independent claims 1 and 11, Applicant claims evaluating multimedia content using only a occurrence description scheme extracted from a content description that also comprises structure and semantic description schemes. Sezan does not teach or suggest evaluating content using only an occurrence scheme as claimed by Applicant.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the invention claimed in claims 1-7 and 11-17 is not anticipated by Sezan under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 8-10, 18-20 and 21-28

Claims 8-10, 18-20 and 21-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being in unpatentable over the combination of Cobbley, et al., U.S. Patent 5,614,940, and Sezan (both previously cited).

In amended independent claims 8, 18 and 21, Applicant claims evaluating multimedia content using only a occurrence description scheme in a content description that also comprises structure and semantic description schemes. As above, Sezan does not teach or suggest evaluating content using only an occurrence scheme as claimed by Applicant. Cobbley also does not teach or suggest the claimed element of evaluating

content using only an occurrence scheme. Therefore, the combination cannot be properly interpreted as disclosing the claimed element.

Accordingly, the combination cannot render obvious Applicant's invention as claimed in claims 8-10, 18-20 and 21-28 , and Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combination.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-28 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-8300 x3476.


Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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